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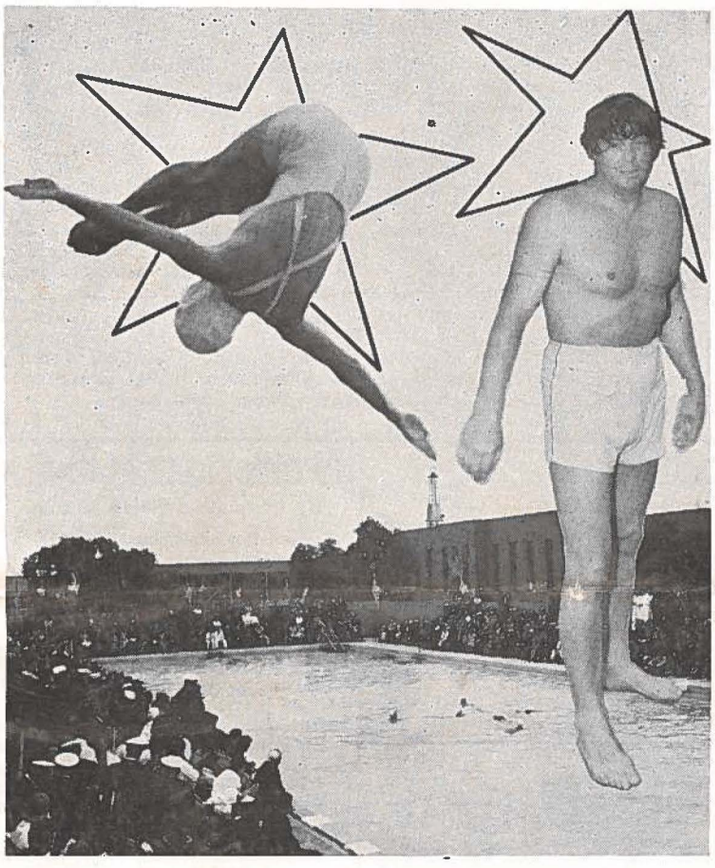
NAVAL HOSPITAL HOST TO GALAXY OF STARS



Pictured is a cross-section of the 164-foot swimming pool and enthusiastic crowd which formed background for the 10 June swimming contestants and aquatic stars. Insets are of Johnny "Tarzan" Weismuller whose maneuverings were spectacular; and Virginia Hunt, So. Calif. AAU Diving Champ, photographed during an expert front one-and-a-half dive.

Aquatic Exhibit Led By Johnny Weismuller

By E. R. BRENNAN,PhM2/c

If there were some questions about the weather, there was none about the quality of Sunny California's aquatic talent when a galaxy of stars of the diving platform and water ballet entertained approximately 1,200 patients and staff members at the hospital's June 10 combination swimming meet and exhibition.

Heading the visiting troupe was Johnny "Tarzan" Weismuller, out of the Hollywood jungles and back in his original element, the water, in which he swam his way to world records and undying fame as long as a couple of decades ago. With him were Stubby Krueger, whose comic cavortings are wont to make people forget that he, too, is a former champion, and a half dozen other champions of the pool and platform: the petite Virginia Hunt, tiny Larry ("it's a girl") Elliott; Norman Sper, Jr., the national AAU diving champion; Johnny Riley, Joe Peters, and the comely and graceful Southern California Aqua-Belles.

A scheduled appearance also by Esther Williams, streamlined queen of water sports, was prevented when Miss Williams, after coming to the hospital, became suddenly ill.

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Langford, Spike Jones Broadcast from LBNH

LBNH had the pleasure of playing nost to the Chase & Sanborn Radio Show on Sunday afternoon, 10 June. This was the second in their series of summer programs to be broadcast from hospitals, the first appearing at Corona Naval Hospital last week.

The genial Ken Carpenter announced the broadcast to the NBC radio listeners. Frances Langford, the star who rates a top place in the hearts of servicemen due to her excellent camp show work overseas, began the show with a "Sentimental Journey." Tony Romano, who also did a tour of shows for the boys over there, did some first rate guitar accompaniments for Miss Langford during the 30-minute program.

Spike Jones and his City Slickers, with their incomparable music arrangements and unique instrumentals, won hearty applause from everyone in the packed auditorium. "Chloe" which Spike Jones has made what she is today, was the song that set off the spark.

Groucho Marx, guest star of our "favorite" coffee show, presented a satirical skit on the comforts connected with life in the Marine Corps.

Fast movement, gay spirit, and

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USHER IN 'SANTANA'; 'AORTA' IN DISCARD

"The Santana" name for the hospital paper has its initial appearance in this issue, and the term "Aorta" falls again into its anatomical background.

Although the origin of the word "Santana" is uncertain, the local connotation, suggesting a hot dust-filled wind in California, is familiar. One point of agreement in research is that "Santana" is definitely not named for the town, Santa Ana.

Lt. Comdr. O. H. Holtman, USN, author of "A Hurricane in Puerto Rico" which appeared in the February, 1933, issue of the U. S. Naval Institute Proceedings, conjectures that it is likely that the Spaniards on the coast of California experienced a hot dusty wind on Saint Anna's Day, and named the wind after the saint. This idea is

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Five Corpsmen Receive Presidential Citations

Presidential Unit Citations were awarded to five staff corpsmen on 10 June, with personnel awaiting inspection as witnesses of the ceremony. Captain C. M. Shaar personally congratulated these men.

D. L. Davis, CPhM, USN, and W. H. Owens, PhM3/c, USNR, received citations for their "outstanding performance in combat during the seizure of the Japanese-held islands of Saipan and Tinian."

Richard Hugo, PhM3/c, USN; Elmer Reynolds, PhM3/c, USNR, and Manuel Garcia, PhM3/c, USNR, were cited for dauntless courage evident during the engagement with the enemy on Tarawa.

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Frances Langford, with her lilting melodies, highlights the Chase and Sanborn broadcast, along with Spike Jones and his City Slickers — who brought a new brand of music to the hospital audience.

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CHAPLAINS' COLUMN

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The Catholic Mass at 0845 and the Protestant Services at 1000, both in the auditorium of this hospital on every Sunday, will be transmitted via the radio-channel system to the bed-patients.

CATHOLIC

Masses are celebrated twice each Sunday in the Auditorium at 0645 and 0845. On week days Mass is celebrated in the Chapel in the Chaplain's Office at 0645. Chaplain Vincent J. Hope is the celebrant. Confessions are heard on Sundays before Mass and during the week at any time.

PROTESTANT

Protestant Services are held each Sunday in the Auditorium at 1000. Chaplain Edgar F. Lawrence, Jr., conducts the service and preaches the sermon. Special music of an inspiring nature is provided each Sunday. Kenneth Roduner plays for both services. Everyone at the Hospital is cordially invited to attend the service of their choice and to find the inspiration that worship brings.

JEWISH

Jewish Services are held each Friday afternoon at 1500 in the class room opposite Ward W-1. The Chaplain will also be at the hospital on Thursday and Friday for personal counseling.

THE OUTSIDE POWER

By Chaplain E. F. Lawrence

Within the world in which we live one of the factors, which nation as well as individual is judged by, is the element of power. Wars are generally won by the nation with the greatest power; progress is the greatest in countries which have the most productive power. Power means strength, it means might. Power means progress and potential wealth. Power is a dominating factor in the world of events —in politics, within a nation and between nations. Power is the word that defines the age in which we are living.

But because of the type of power we seek, we are weak. We try to find our safety in strong and swift planes, mighty ships of battle, guns by the thousands, armies by the millions. In this is our weakness, for we are relying entirely on the power of man and that leaves us with an emptiness which can only be filled by a POWER outside ourself. That POWER is the POWER OF GOD. It is a Power beyond human comprehension, it has changed men's lives—it has made men. Men in battle have found it, men in despair have found it; men in need have found it. It is a Power which we can grasp, which is at our fingertips; it is so great that it can change a world of hate into one of love; from a world of turmoil into one of peace. It can change the world, or the life of a nation, but first it must change the life of the individual. How about you mate, has it changed yours?

Jewish Chaplain Reports

With the assignment of a new Jewish Chaplain, Lt. Emanuel Lewis Lifschitz, to this area, Jewish Services will be resumed on the hospital compound, and will be conducted each Friday afternoon at 1500 in the classroom opposite Ward W-1. Personal counseling will be given during the day on Thursday and Friday in the Chaplains' Office.

Chaplain Lifschitz' last assignment was at the 11th Naval District Chaplains' Office in San Diego. He replaces Chaplain William Greenburg formerly in this area, now on duty in the South Pacific.

Before entering the service Chaplain Lifschitz served as Rabbi at the Westside Institutional Synagogue in New York City; this is one of the leading Jewish congregations in the east.

4 JULY BOND DRIVE ON

The 4 JULY WAR BOND drive is on between 22 June and 7 July. A goal set for the U. S. Naval Hospital, Long Beach, could be reached with a purchase of one $100 bond by each staff member.

Pledges need not be confined necessarily to naval personnel. Bonds purchased by families, friends, or business connections, and allocated to the hospital, are to its credit.

A committee of Capt. W. J. Schneider, Chairman; Comdr. F. H. Falconer, Lt. Comdr. C. P. Jensen, Lt. M. E. Musser, Lt. (j.g.) A. N. Smith, Lt. H. Rhoades (NC), Lt. (j.g.) V. Dougherty (W), and Pharm. W. R. Lipscomb is in charge of the drive at this hospital.

Pledges are accepted by subcommittees appointed to each station activity.

Horse sense is that quality of mind which keeps horses from betting on people.

BROADCAST

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originality are key words in adequately describing the afternoon's entertainment.

Arrangements for the broadcast were made by Lt. Dan O. Henry, Welfare & Recreation Officer, through the Radio Section of the West Coast Motion Picture Liaison Office.

Captain C. M. Shaar presents Presidential Unit Citations to D. L. Davis, CPhM, USN; Richard Hugo, PhM3/c, USN; Elmer Reynolds, PhM3/c, USNR; Manuel Garcia, PhM3/c, USNR, and W. H. Owens, PhM3/c, USNR (reading left to right). See Page 1 for story.

NEW TECHNICIAN COURSE FOR HOSPITAL CORPSMEN

NNMC, Bethesda, Md. (HCQNS) —A new course in X-ray and photofluorographic technic has been established at the Naval Medical School here, open to hospital corpsmen and leading to a certificate in that specialty. The course is scheduled for a period of 6½ months, but will be accelerated to 6 months.

GO ONE MORE ROUND

By Chaplain Vincent J. Hope

James J. Corbett was asked what the greatest single thing was about fighting or boxing. His answer is a classic: "Fight one more round. When your feet are so tired that you can hardly stand, and scarcely lift your hands to come on guard, fight one more round. When your nose is bleeding and your eyes are black, and you are so tired that you wish your opponent would crack you one on the jaw and put you to sleep, fight one more round. Remember that the man who fights one more round is never whipped."

Navy men could profit much from that memorable reply of Jim Corbett. We need the courage of fighters at all times. If we allow discouragement to creep into our lives, our service is of little use to our country. There are many factors that might get us down—great distances from home, long watches, cantankerous shipmates. Remember this is wartime, and even though you may not feel in the best of spirits, try to "fight one more round." Remember that honest old definition of courage as "simply fear that has said its prayers." A word of discouragement might destroy the esprit de corps of a whole squadron or of the men in your barracks.

Recall what Joyce Kilmer, the soldier-poet killed in the last war, used to do to ward off discouragement. He said he often tried to compare the weight of his pack and gun on his shoulders with the weight of the cross that Christ carried for the whole world. He found that was always a sure cure for any dangerous mood of self-pity. Cheerfulness isn't born in everybody, but anyone can acquire it. Try to keep smiling no matter how difficult it might be. Remember: God gave us our faces; we give ourselves our expressions. In short, a "sourpuss" is self-made, not born.

SANTANA

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strengthened by the fact that various hurricanes in the West Indies were named for saints who were being honored in ceremony when the winds occurred.

Another author states that Santana is named after the Santa Ana Canyon, since these winds are more severe in the Canyon than in any other part of California.

Several "old timers" say the word is present in the language of the Mexican Indians, and means "big wind."

Others believe the dust wind is named for General D. Antonio Lopez de Santa-Anna who made spectacular tours of Mexico while in command there. When great clouds of dust occurred it invariably announced the entrance of the General and his fast riding squadron of cavalry. And thus, the dust storms of California have been linked to the Santa-Anna dust clouds of the past.

—By Mrs. Nancy Haynes.

SANTANA RIDES

Yellow the sky from the sand and grit,
Hidden the mountains in back of it,
Down from the Cajon the wild wind sweeps;
Screaming and panting, it whirls and leaps.
Santana rides,
Beware!

Over the wash through the rattling sage,
Snarling and cursing, the wind in rage
Stampedes the tumbleweeds, dead leaves strips
Off from the trees and lays on his whips.

(Fly to the rancho and lock the door!
Who thinks Santana will ride no more?
Where the sharp hooves of his band will fall,
Dust from the desert will cover all.)
Santana rides,
Beware!

Parting the dusty dead skirts of palm,
Mocking the earth with a sudden calm,
Lashing banana plant leaves to fringes;
Even the pine at his fury cringes!

(Whisper your rosaries, tell each bead;
Black-browed Santana will never heed)
Autos turn back from the valley road!
(Peons and dons, when Santana rode,
Shuttered their windows and barred the gates.
None may escape whom Santana hates!)

Dust sifting in on the walls and floor;
(What does it profit to bolt the door?)
Dull yellow grit on the window sills;
(None may deny what Santana wills!)

(Many the years since they sighed and said,
"Gracios a Dios, Santana is dead.")
Oh, for the moaning of trees on high;
(Clattering hooves as he rides the sky—)
Santana rides,
Beware!
—Dorothy Marie Davis.

Rate Advancements

The following named Corpsmen and Waves passed the examinations recently given for PhM1c. They will be rated at the first existing vacancy in complement:

Falkner, R.; Johnson, V.; Smith, H. B.; Van Der Veen, R.

The following passed examinations for **PhM2c,** actual raise in rate pending:

Allen, M.; Bennett, C.; Dietz, E.; Heims, O.; Kern, N.; Kristofek, E.; Krotec, A.; Rista, J.; Zeller, M.

The following were advanced to **PhM3c:**

Ball, E. R.; Bowman, M. L.; Brown, F. B.; Dangerfield, T. A.; Ellexson, W. L.; Force, G. C.; Gonshar, S. (n); Gustin, S. T.; Risi, W. A.; Smith, D. (n); Smolick, S. M.; Turner, R. C.; Verbano, E. N.; Williams, F. (n); Young, R. W.; Adrian, F. O., Jr.

The following were advanced to **HA1c:**

Allen, R. B.; Dreyfus, B. F.; Eberle, K. (n); Felt, R. P.; Heath, M. W.; Kirkland, E. A., Sr.; Leof, D. (n); McPeek, J. W.; Michener, F. B.; Miller, D. L.; Miller, R. E., Jr.; Rhodes, T. B.; Roberts, F. W.; Rodgers, E. (n); Roos, M. (n); Welch, T. C.; Wilson, R. H.; Zumwalt, W. S.

Jose' Iturbi, world-famed pianist, brought out the aesthetic nature in every serviceman who heard his recent auditorium program.

Rehabilitation School Opened 21 May at Hunter

New York, N. Y. (MCQNS)—Approximately 150 enlisted personnel of the Hospital Corps began classes on 21 May in rehabilitation technics in a newly established school at Hunter College, N. Y., which has been designated the Hospital Corps Rehabilitation School.

Founding of the school sets a precedent for Hospital Corps courses in an agreement with Hunter College authorities granting college credits for successful completition of the courses, each of which will be of 16 weeks duration. First classes scheduled are in physical therapy, occupational therapy, teaching of the deaf and hard of hearing, blind, and orthopedically handicapped.

Two waves from this station reported with the first group: I. Zoe Cleveland, PhM2/c, for Occupational Therapy training, and Mary Cannon, PhM3/c for Physical Therapy school.

JOSE ITURBI THRILLS HOSPITAL LISTENERS

Jose' Iturbi, of international fame, returned to the hospital auditorium on Tuesday evening, 28 May, to bring his second magnificent piano concert to ardent admirers here.

Captain Shaar graciously introduced the artist, stating that he was known throughout Europe, North America, and South America. Mr. Iturbi walked in amid deafening applause, and in his personable and informal manner apoligized for not having learned any "hot stuff" and still playing everything "snooty."

Iturbi encouraged the audience to direct his program by making its requests known. Iturbi fans unanimously selected three Chopin pieces —Fantasy Impromptu, Polonaise, and Minute Waltz—which were superbly executed by him in the current film, "A Song to Remember." Clair de Lune; Moonlight Sonata, 1st Movement; Ritual Fire Dance; the ever popular Liebestraum; and a Hungarian Rhapsody made up the classical portion. He apologetically offered to play Morton Gould's Blues, originally written for him and his sister. (He added that his sister played the piano also, and naively stated that he was spreading "propaganda" for the family.) To conclude, he satisfied the persistent "boogie woogie' addicts with a bit of jive.

CHINA TURNED DOWN PEACE BID BY JAPS

Mexico City. (CNS)—According to Dr. Lin Lin, representative of the Chinese Ministry of Information, China recently received peace overtures from Japan but replied curtly "talk to the United Nations. China is not discussing peace with the Japanese alone."

COMINGS AND GOINGS

During the month of May, nine officers reported for duty at this hospital and four officers were detached.

A letter from Chaplain Skehan indicates he is now attached to Fleet Hospital No. 103 and is beginning his second tour of "Hospital Duty." He states there are thirty nurses, twenty corpsmen, and one doctor at the hospital who were formerly attached to the LBNH.

Lt. Comdr. W. A. Hall, DC, USN, is attached to an APA which will be commissioned in the near future; Lt. F. H. Johnson, MC, USNR, reported to the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, for instruction in Neuropsychiatry, and Chief Pharmacist F. H. Rosentreter, former Personnel Officer, is to report to the USS SOLACE for duty.

As a relief for Captain O. W. Butler, MC, USNR, recently detached, Comd. F. T. Bond, MC, USNR, has reported. He was formerly attached to the Naval Air Station, Miami, Florida.

Three officers reported from civilian life and one has already been detached. Lt. Comdr. W. P. Thompson, MC, USNR (cardiologist), left recently to join the Staff of Fleet Hospital, No. 116; Lt. Comdr. G. A. Robinson, MC, USNR, is attached to the X-ray Department, and Lt. (jg) A. Buermann is attached to the Dept. of Neuropsychiatry.

Lt. Comdr. W. R. Molony, jr., reported from the USNH, Farragut, Idaho, and Lt. H. A. Neuman, DC, USNR, reported from the U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif.

Ens. J. M. Lerner, H(S), USNR, reported from the Naval Medical Supply Depot, Brooklyn, for duty in the Optical Dept., and Pharmacists A. M. Sevold and F. C. Szehner, USN, reported from overseas duty. Mr. Szehner was formerly attached to the staff of this hospital when it was first commissioned.

Leahy of Notre Dame Fame Visits at Hospital

The Notre Dame coach, Frank Leahy, who guided the gridiron team to an undefeated record in 1941, and the national championship in 1943, receitly visited his brother, Jack Leahy, a patient on E-5.

On May 1944, Leahy left his coaching duties to become an officer in the Navy. While serving in the Pacific, Lt. Leahy exhibited Notre Dame films to our forces in Pearl Harbor, Midway, Majuro, Tarawa, Guam, Kwajalein, Saipan, and aboard carriers. At present he is on temporary duty at St. Mary's Preflight School, where he is an instructor in military training.

At the conclusion of the war, Lt. Leahy will return to Notre Dame as coach and athletic director to fill a ten-year contract.

WAVES HOSPITAL CORPS SCHOOL AT GREAT LAKES

NTC, Great Lakes, Ill. (HCQNS)—Camp Moffett, a unit of the Naval Training Center here, is being converted into a Hospital Corps School (WR) with a capacity of 1500 Waves under instruction in the accelerated program to begin soon. First students are expected from Hunter College in the latter part of July. The school is expected to operate at capacity until the quota of 10,000 additional Waves for the Hospital Corps has been reached.

Coffee and . . .

It just takes the installation of a new Vitamatic Doughnut Machine to get the hospital personnel UP BEFORE BREAKFAST! Two mornings a week the chow menu includes a savory breadstuff, so typically American—doughnuts.

The galley crew starts the automatic doughnut machine at 0430 on "Doughnut mornings" and turns them out at 200 dozen an hour or 40 a minute. And these discs of dough roll through hot grease until approximately 6500 are ready to serve.

The cost of this batch of doughnuts is $21, an interesting figure compared to the $130 for the same quantity of purchased doughnuts. What's more—the galley-made ones are reminiscent of Mom's best efforts.

USNH, Dublin, Ga. (HCQNS)—With approval of a 400-bed expansion at this naval hospital by the Secretary of the Navy last week, plans were completed for establishment of a research unit engaged in rheumatic studies.

COMDR. L. L. BEAN

THE UNEXPENDABLE

You can "sink" Commander Bean, but he comes right back up! Dr. Lawrence L. Bean, member of the senior surgical staff here, survived the sinking of the U.S.S. Hornet in 1942, and a year later was attached to the U.S.S. Helena when it submerged and thrust him into the tumultuous waters.

Dr. Bean practiced surgery at Long Beach, New York, then trekked 3000 miles across country to California, to become acquainted with another Long Beach. His pre-war days were filled with his medical profession at Santa Ana, and hours of diversion at his poultry farm in Costa Mesa.

Dr. Bean received his commission and orders both the same day, following a four-month indoctrination period at U. S. Naval Training Station in San Diego in the spring of 1942. His first assignment was to the U.S.S. Hornet, but in order to get aboard the carrier he left port on the Battleship X—later revealed to be the South Dakota. To progress in his journey to the Hornet he was transferred to a tanker in a "mail bag." A subsequent transfer to a carrier took place by means of a "coal bag." Next to get aboard a destroyer Dr. Bean was transported in a b's'n chair, and his last move onto the Hornet was by the aid of a "cargo net." This was an accepted procedure for transferring from one vessel to another while afloat. A line was secured between the two ships, and a pully, plus these various modes of conveyance, made possible the transfer.

When the Hornet, hopelessly damaged after an important mission, listed so badly that the order came to abandon ship, Comdr. Bean got his taste of the salty sea until rescued by a destroyer.

In July 1943, the light cruiser, U.S.S. Helena, where he was on duty, had the same fate as his previous ship—and was sunk during the Battle of Kula Gulf. Again Dr. Bean was grateful to the destroyer—after being adrift in the water all night, he was picked up at daybreak by the U.S.S. Nicholas.

When Dr. Bean isn't being sunk in the Pacific, or caring for his surgical patients, he is frequently displaying his culinary abilities to his family or guests. Dr. Bean modestly admitted that he whips up a good salad dressing.

He professed to be a connoisseur on choice dishes, but it took a lot of encouragement to bring out the fact that he actually prepares foods. His best recipe is for preparing Southern Fried Chicken—Tennessee style.

Dr. Bean still retains his Costa Mesa ranch, and raises chickens, turkeys, ducks and pigeons there. When we inquired into his dissecting the same for scientific observations, he informed us that the time he dissects a fowl is when carving one on the dinner platter.

We salute Dr. Bean—a real asset to the Navy Medical Division, and a colorful personality!

BOOK ENDS

By Virginia Parker
Asst. Librarian

FICTON

Young Bess—By Margaret Irwin. This is the novelized biography of Quess Bess from her twelfth through her nineteenth year. The story centers around the Seymour brothers' struggle for power and the strange love of Tom Seymour and Bess. It is out of these struggles that Bess shows signs of the powerful, ambitious ruler she was to be. Although the England of long ago is vividly pictured, the novel is modern in style.

Son and Stranger — by Joan Charles.

Another triangle novel—only this time the triangle consists of mother, son, and wife. The book opens with the mother's funeral, and in the succeeding chapters the reader is flashed back to the son's youth, which is practically smothered with maternal devotion and domination. It is only when the son married and the wife and mother meet that the tragedy flares into the open. How the problem is solved makes for an intensely moving and interesting book.

Interim—By R. C. Hutchinson.

This is the story told by Roger, a British artillery sergeant, who loses his way and wanders into the borrowed country home of the Quindle family. In time, the book covers only a few hours, but before the novel is finished "Interim" means much more than a few scattered hours, for seven people are brought to life. The true characters of these people are revealed so gradually and subtly that the reader's curiosity and interest remain keen throughout the book.

NON-FICTION

Pleasant Valley—By Louis Bromfield.

When an unsettled Europe drove Louis Bromfield back to the States, he decided to return to Ohio and farm the land of his fathers. It is about this land and the additional property which he purchased that he writes. Not only does he record a great deal of practical experience concerning agriculture and animal husbandry, but the book is also full of unforgettable descriptions of local persons, trees, spring and streams.

Robinson Crusoe U.S.N. — By Blake Clark.

The adventures of Radioman George Ray Tweed of the United States Navy are as exciting and heroic as any that have yet come out of the war. For two and one-half years, Tweed, alone and unarmed, outwitted the Japs on Guam. Despite offers of high rewards, the threats and torture, the natives helped to feed and shelter this modern Robinson Crusoe. Tweed was proof to the natives that Americans do not give up, and that in the end the Japs will be defeated. This is a book well worth reading and remembering.

Capt. C. M. Shaar congratulates officers who were recently awarded citations for heroic conduct. Left to right: Comdr. B. A. Robbins, Lt. L. R. Porterfield, Capt. Robert C. Jones, Jr., and Lt. John D. Vonderhoof.

Naval Heroism Wins Citations for Five

The gallantry of five S.O.Q. patients was commended in the recent citations awarded to them. Their records are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Comdr. B. A. Robbins, USN, received the Navy Cross on 18 May for outstanding service in making a torpedo attack while under heavy enemy gun fire at Surigao Straits, October 1944. He subsequently was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his extraordinary performance during engagement while in command of a destroyer, U.S.S. Leutze.

Comdr. Robbins was executive officer on the U.S.S. Shaw when it was attacked on 7 December, 1941, at which time it was in floating drydock. He was later engaged in the battles of Coral Sea and Midway, and the Aleutian campaign.

Capt. Robert C. Jones, Jr., USMCR, was selected out of the ranks for commissioning, and demonstrated such leadership while in command of a Marine division shore party team, that he received the Gold Star. He served as an enlisted man in the Marine Guards for over three years; as a commissioned officer he was on duty in Samoa, New Caledonia, New Zealand, New Hebrides, and Tarawa. Following an engagement at Tarawa he received the Purple Heart. Last week he received the Gold Star for "heroic achievement while commanding a Marine division shore party team on Saipan . . . outstanding devotion to duty, utter disregard for his personal safety, and his inspiring leadership."

A second Marine captain to be cited recently is Capt. Wm. E. Moore, USMCR. For his outstanding leadership as company commander of a Marine division on Guam he was awarded the Navy Cross. Even with a lung seriously injured he continued with his men, until the action was completed.

Capt. Moore attended Stanford for intensified training in a platoon leaders' class and was placed on an active duty status in 1942. His tour of duty took him into New Zealand, Guadalcanal, and Bougainville, before his engagement on Guam.

Lt. John D. Vanderhoof, USNR, who already wore the Purple Heart, Air Medal, and Distinguished Service Cross, was recently awarded a Gold Star. Lt. Vanderhoof, a veteran of a succession of raids and support landings in the Pacific area, received the Gold Star citation for "meritorious achievement while pilot of a fighter aircraft. He personally destroyed one enemy fighter in a sweep over central Luzon." Preceding awards were the Purple Heart following a wound received in action on Luzon, the Air Medal for sinking a destroyer in the Battle of the Philippine Sea, and the DSC awarded for heroism connected with destroying three Jap fighters in Philippine territory.

Lt. Leonard R. Porterfield, USNR, received the Distinguished Flying Cross for "meritorious service while flying." During the 2nd Battle of the Philippine Sea he made strafing attacks on Jap cruisers and battleships, and supported troop landings on Leyte.

Lt. Porterfield, a graduate of the University of California, has served in Saipan, Guam and Palau.

SHIP'S SERVICE FUNCTIONS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF STAFF AND PATIENTS

The Ship's Service Department has made the hospital organization almost an independent community here within our 100-acre compound. The staff and patients are provided with a convenient and reliable source from which to obtain articles and services essential to well-being.

STORE AND FOUNTAIN

The Ship's Store and Fountain on the second deck are operated by civilians between the hours of 0930 and 1630. At that time hospital corpsmen take over—clerking in the store, and acting as soda-jerkers for the evening business until 2000. These hours are routine throughout the week; Sunday there is a variation in that the store remains closed and the fountain serves from 0930 to 1900. All goods sold are at a minimum profit.

CIGARETTE COUNTER

June 3 ushered in a new rationing program, instigated in accordance with Navy Department directive of 11 May 1945. A synopsis of the new procedure is that each serviceman receives a serialized ration card which he retains, issued by BuPers. Ration cards are available for dependents of servicemen, entitling them to the same privileges. Authorized persons in the group are allowed two points weekly: one point is worth three packages of cigarettes, twelve cigars, or one package of smoking tobacco weighing approximately two ounces. The two points may be spent at one time to enable one to receive double portions, or singly during the week—points must be utilized during the week in which they are issued.

Patient distribution is governed by the same ration system, with the exception of the value of points. One point secures five packages of cigarettes, sixteen cigars, or approximately four ounces of smoking tobacco for each patient with an authorized ration card.

After securing a ration card from the Ship's Service Office, you can purchase tobacco when you wish it, between the hours of 0800 and 1630.

SERVICEWOMEN'S SHOP

For the convenience of Waves and Nurses a new shop has been opened in the basement of the Waves' Quarters. The opening date was 23 May, at which time new bathing suits, soap flakes, photograph albums, regulation gear and even lipstick brushes were displayed and rapidly purchased by the "fairer ones." The store hours are from 1630 to 2000 five days a week, and from 1300 to 1600 on Saturdays. Mary Speckman, PhM3/c is capably managing the store.

BEAUTY SHOP

Another reserved area for femininity only is the Beauty Shop, also located in the Waves' Quarters basement. This salon is operated by two licensed beauticians, and is an accommodation for both Nurses and Waves. Business hours are from 0800 to 1630 six days a week.

BARBER SHOPS

The Barber Shop on the second deck of the main building is used by staff and patients. It operates three chairs, with three licensed civilian barbers functioning from 0800 to 1630, six days a week. Provided for the hospital staff who have conflicting duties, and little free time during the day, two hospital corpsmen—Milton A. Erdal, HA1/c, and Regis R. Bresni, HA1/c—give haircuts between the hours of 1630 and 2000. This is extra-curricular for the corpsmen, both of whom work at daily details.

The Officers' Barber Shop is off their Recreation Room on fifth deck. James A. Damin, HA1/c, serves the staff and patient officer group between the hours of 0800 and 1630 during the week.

LAUNDRY

Laundry facilities are available to staff and patients. To appreciate the Blue Mondays the department goes through, just note these figures: 1000 Wave and Nurses' uniforms washed, starched, and ironed; between 800 and 900 suits of corpsmen's whites; and from 200,000 to 225,000 pieces of ward linen done weekly. The equipment is so complete that any type of laundry can be adequately cared for. When the new additions to the hospital are opened, it will be necessary to operate a night shift to handle the increase in wash. The hours during which the laundry hands the immaculately washed and well-wrapped bundles to the servicemen fall between 0830 and 1600 throughout the week.

TAILOR

The Tailor Shop alleviates the worry of getting a cleaned and pressed suit back in time for a "big date." The service is excellent and handles repairs, alterations, cleaning and pressing for patients and staff on the compound. Hours of exchange: 0800 to 1630 for six days a week.

Perhaps you call the manager "Chief" without realizing that he is an old Navy man. Chief Fabiano DiLiello served as Band Master in the regular Navy. He retired in 1934, after 22½ years of straight duty. On 13 December 1942, he came to this station and put the tailor shop into commission, and since has witnessed a large influx and exodus of people in the hospital.

COBBLER SHOP

Responsible for the well-shod individuals on the compound is the Cobbler's Shop, located in the basement of the main building, directly across from the bag room. Service for repairing all makes of shoes is available for persons attached to this activity. Business hours are between 0800 and 1630 six days a week.

WESTERN UNION AND CASHING OF CHECKS

At Ship's Service Office, first deck, Western Union telegrams may be sent between 0800 and 1600. These messages must be paid for at time of sending. A second welcome function of this office is a check cashing service. Times when checks may be cashed are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between the hours of 1000 and 1030; Saturday between 0930 and 1000.

MANAGEMENT

The Ship's Service Officer is Lt. H. F. Everroad, (HC), USN, a veteran of nearly 27 years of active service. He is ably assisted by Pharm. W. R. Lipscomb, USN, and CPhM W. T. Speer, USN, and a diligent crew of enlisted men and civilian women. Our thanks to these people, and to all others responsible for the conveniences which promote well-being for staff and patients connected with LBNH.

Milk for Your Saucer

Flash! The Waves Are Washed Up!
We think that we shall never see
A Poem as lovely as a tree,
Except in a bathtub.

And that's where each and every Wave at the quarters hopes to be sooner or later, which accounts for recent raids on bath toilette counters in Long Beach Department Stores. Of course, the tub was extremely ornamental on the front steps, but should look better with water in it. Have you engaged a back scrubber yet?

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While we were walking on the back fences around Los Angeles, many interesting sights came to notice. . . .

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The Masquers Club of Hollywood entertained the Hospital patients and staff royally during the month of May. Even the Admiral had a good time.

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Cocoanut Groving on the same night was **Georgia McMeekin,** celebrating her first wedding anniversary, assisted by many friends.

Fashion Note: All the girls wore two-piece navy blue suits with white tailored shirts and black ties.

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Orla Johnson seems to prefer Army wiener roasts to Navy ones. Why?

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Who were the attractive Army fliers asking people for Betty Dunwell's name at the Hilton Skyroom last Thursday?

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Dorothy Boone is finding her hands full in the Dependents' Clinic, and we are glad she is still with us. Now, there's a girl who can make coffee!

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Returning husbands and boy friends account for the many dazzled looks on countenances about the Wave quarters, not the least of whom is **Patty Searles.** Got your second trousseau ready yet, Patty?

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Yoo hoo, **Janie B.,** don't forget to save us some wedding cake to sleep on.

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On the 16th of June, **Lorraine Freeman** will be hearing wedding bells instead of telephone bells. Best wishes to the bride.

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Mary Ward holds the record for a quick appendicitis recovery.

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The Ice Skating parties on Monday night appear to be gathering again. More Corpsmen and Girls should turn out for this event, because those who do have a wonderful time.

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The new Waves' Ship Service in the Barracks has proved a great success. And **Mary Speckman's** attractive case displays have added to the pleasure of shopping there. Be sure that Mary S. gives you the right change. Now that her handsome husband is Stateside once more, having completed his flying missions in India, her eyes are giving the stars competition.

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SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT?

Not those two would-be laboratary technicians, MAE CAREY and LAURIE GRIMES, who left Long Beach for Santa Margarita, or JO MALEC another future laboratory technician in training at San Diego.

Sing a "deserted" song for PAT HATTER, GLADY HEIDLER and SHIRLEY JAMES, who exchanged this seaside station for that of El Centro.

And last, but not least, ZOE CLEVELAND and MARY CANNON, engaged in rehabilitation training at our Navy Alma Mater "Hunter," "Boot School" to us.

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Recommended for one of your best Navy laughs, and as an excellent item to remember your days in the Navy Hospital Corps, Alex Gard's new book "Sick Bay," which contains humorous illustrations of life in "Sick Bay." You will note at the beginning of the book, the publication is dedicated to the Medical Department of the Norfolk Naval Training Station. It may interest you to know that all of the characters in the book were members of the Medical Department, and Gard conceived the idea for said book after spending three months in "Unit A Dispensary" with pneumonia.

Crowds surge through Ship's Fountain! A brief pause for a refreshing coke, cup of good "Joe," or "chocolate" sundae gives new energy for the day's tasks.

AQUATIC EXHIBIT

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In the local talent department there were a score of hospital corpsmen, staff Waves and patients in a series of diving and swimming contests, top honors for corpsmen going to Sam Hardin of the staff office, and Paul Lethin (X-Ray), both native Californians, mind you; for the Waves to Bernice Schaff of Chicago and Elizabeth Johnson, Dennison, Ia., and for patients to B. Bush (E-12), Los Angeles, and J. T. Butt (W-2), Portland, Me.

The meet opened under cloudy skies with a light breeze whipping the clear blue waters of the pool, around which chairs and temporary bleachers had been set up to accommodate patients, staff and visitors. Space had been left at the pool's edge for guerneys and wheel chairs.

Lieut. M. E. Musser, who with the officers and members of his staff in the Rehabilitation Physical Training office supervised the meet and exhibition, opened proceedings by extending thanks of the hospital to the visitors contributing their talents and time.

They had, too, the assurance of Lieut. William Nolan, meet announcer, that although the weather might be "typical," the water was warm.

After corpsmen and Waves had opened proceedings with their diving contests, the Aqua-Belles presented the first of several exhibitions of their skill at water ballet, their motions in concert always with their recorded musical accompaniment, whether they swam atop the water or under it. To describe their movements, as well as those of subsequent exhibitors, Fred Cady, coach of the University of Southern California's crack swimming team, took the microphone.

Cady and William Cupples, former patient at this hospital and expert swimmer, were thanked by Lieutenant Musser for valuable assistance in arranging and conducting the meet.

Again the spotlight was turned on the visiting artists when Miss Hunt, Southern California AAU diving champion, and 10-year-old Miss Elliott brilliantly executed a series of dives from the 10-foot board. Speed events and a novelty race in which Waves and corpsmen competed preceded another exhibition by the lissome Aqua-Belles, after which Mr. Cady introduced the star of the show: Weismuller.

"In my book, he is the greatest swimmer of all time," said Cady, who was United States Olympic diving coach in 1928, 1932 and 1936.

Removing the same battered beach robe that he took with him to the 1920 Olympic games, Weismuller plunged into the pool for a brief exhibition of his once championship speed style, his powerful strokes carrying him in blurred seconds almost the length of the 164-foot pool. He stopped then and the act's mood was changed to one of comedy, in which he was joined by the inimitable Stubby Krueger, he of many varicolored swim suits, all but one of which he removed during the course of his clowning.

The Weismuller-Krueger bill featured the latter's antics atop the 10-foot platform during a diving contest and his demonstration of such strokes as the Tasmanian and two-finger crawl and the back stroke, in which all his progress was backward. Actually, Stubby once held the world's record for the back stroke.

A 50-yard free style race for patients and a relay race for corpsmen and patients which the corpsmen team of Hardin, Lethin and Dean won by a pool's width was followed by another and final exhibition by the Aqua-Belles and the awarding of prizes by Weismuller to winners in the afternoon's contests.

Finally, a quartet of the land's best diving performers, including Sper, the present national AAU champion; Johnny Riley, former national champ; John Williams, another great diver, and Joe Peters, trick diver from Billy Rose's Aquacade, thrilled the spectators with an increasingly difficult series of dives from the 10-foot board, concluding with Peters' brilliant spotter two and one-half, and Champ Sper's running half-gaynor, half twist, cutaway one and one-half.

Lt. (jg) Paul Brechler directed the contest part of the afternoon's program with Lieut. Nick Beam acting as starter (with a gun that produced no more noise than a cap pistol—when it fired at all) and Lieut. R. N. Cole assisted Weismuller in presenting awards.

Specialists (A) served as judges and assistants to the starter and in general lent a hand in the conduct of the event.

Contest winners follow:

Diving (Waves)—Bernice Schaff, first; Elizabeth Johnson, second.

Diving (Men)—Sam P. Hardin, first; Robert Dean, second; B. Bush, third.

50-yard free style for men—Paul Lethin, first; Hardin, second; J. R. Hume and Robert Tait, tied for third.

35-yard free style for Waves—Johnson, first; Cathe Stoke, second; J. Parkis, third.

Novelty race for men—Bush, first; Hardin, second; Lethin, third.

50-yard free style for patients—J. T. Butt, first; E. W. Anderson, second; L. C. Trader, third.

Relay—Hardin, Dean and Lethin, first; Tate, Bush and Spicer, second; Patterson, Butt and Trader, third.

Strains of Bach, Beethoven and Chopin are drifting out of the auditorium each Tuesday from 1300 to 1400, but in perhaps two or three weeks' time a boogie beat may creep in.

One wonders if the Red Cross Gray Lady who is presenting these weekly concerts could have, in her wildest dreams as a student at the Royal Academy of Music in Budapest, Hungary, pictured herself in recitals before a group of American sailors and marines. We doubt it, but she says that she is thoroughly enjoying it and the excuse to learn boogie-woogie at the insistence of patients in the auditorium, and on the wards. All she asks is a couple of weeks, fellows, before she makes her debut in American jive.

These weekly programs are being broadcast to the wards, and our Gray Lady would like to receive your requests... If you will write the songs you want to hear on a slip of paper, and hand it to any RED Cross worker, the programs will be arranged accordingly.

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The Red Cross Recreation Dept. is feeling quite proud of itself these days. Reason: It has been showing movies daily in eight wards. Programs include such recent films as "Practically Yours," "Eadie was a Lady," and "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn."

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In the May model-building contest, sponsored by the Recreation Dept., Harold Hart., Pfc., USMC, won first prize for his coast guard cutter, "Platy Puss," which was considered outstanding because of its handiwork and unique plexiglass stand. R. L. Thomas, S2/c, took second prize for his PT boat, and Trenton Parker, Cpl., USMC, received honorable mention for his submarine. Winners are from Ward W8. All entries threatened Henry Kaiser with stiff competition. Since great enthusiasm was shown, other contests will be held in the near future. Models have been on display in the Walker Building.

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Like the old woman who lived in the shoe, Red Cross soon will have so many staff members it won't know what to do! Although the "shoe" is bulging, there is always plenty of work for "all hands." Miss Mary Mallory, who hails from San Francisco, was clerk in Publications and Distribution at Fort Mason before joining the staff here as hospital worker. She attended Briar Cliff College, Sioux City, Iowa, where she majored in Dramatic Art. Miss Mallory is also interested in music, having sung in the San Francisco Opera chorus. From the East coast to the West coast is the jump made by Miss Hazel Brown, social worker, who has spent most of her life in New England towns. Miss Brown, a graduate of Simmons School of Social Work, Boston, comes directly to the Navy from Washington, D. C., Training School. The Naval Hospital seems to be a correct spot for Miss Brown since she is especially interested in sailing. Mrs. Beatrice Ranson, who recently completed her training at the University of California, has reported to the staff in the capacity of psychiatric social worker.

The younger set known as the Belmont Shore Knitters, presents S/Sgt. Harvie Woods, W-5 patient, with a colorful afghan—a sample of their handiwork.

Belmont Shore Knitters Present Afghan to Patient

A colorful and well-made afghan, the handiwork of a group of youngsters from Belmont Shore, was presented to S/Sgt. Harvie Woods, a patient from W-5 who had propelled his wheelchair up to the second deck porch and was suning there. The young people, all between the ages of 8 and 13, organized a Belmont Shore Knitters' Club, for the express purpose of knitting afghans for hospital patients. The members gathered scrap yarn from old sweaters and other knitted garments, ripped, washed, and skeined the yarn, then went to work knitting individual squares in bright colors. When enough squares accumulated, they were sewed together to form an attractive coverlet.

These enthusiastic contributors to the war effort plan to devote much time to this project during their summer vacation. So donate your discarded knitted apparel, and see it come back in a beautiful afghan for some serviceman.

"Free for All," a weekly radio broadcast for the patients and by the patients, is heard every Thursday at 1:00 on Channel "A." Jerry Bowen and Bob Brown, ward W5, are pianists, Burnette Ferguson, E8, singer, and Bill Thompson, C2, announcer. "Commercials" which may be anything from "Government issued tissues" to "wandering walruses" are handled adroitly by Jerry Bowen. Thompson was a radio announcer before coming into service, and hopes to return to announcing later.

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Don't forget: Every Tuesday and Thursday evening at the Walker Building is "Open House." The hours are from 5:15 to 7:00, but it is surprising the number of games and crafts which may be crammed into those two hours. There is music, too, and refreshments, of course!

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Upon being told that she could see her husband's doctor at 1300, a wife of one of the patients was heard to ask: "Where's that?"

Sport Light

HOSPITAL TEAM IN TOP BRACKET

Winning all of the games in the first round of the Recreation League proved this colorful station team worthy of a place among the top softball teams of Southern California.

The team was off to a flying start in the first game, blanking the Signal Hill nine 1 to 0 after 15 innings of a bitterly fought contest. Fanning again led his team to victory, allowing but 6 hits and collecting 2 solid blows off the fast pitching of Signal Hill's Savello.

Perdue, Coker, and Kelly gathered the other 4 hits, Perdue getting 2. Bruner, right fielder, scored the winning run in the last half of the 15th inning, getting on via the walk method.

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A brief summary of the games played in the first round shows 6 wins and no defeats, the opposition scoring only 2 rounds in the six games. Highlight of the first round was Buell Fanning's pitching a no-hit no-run game against the Battery B Army team in 9 innings, the final score being 3 to 0 with the winning runs being scored in the last half of the 9th.

Fanning faced only 27 men during the game, one man getting on first by an error, only to be erased by a perfect throw by Coker from right field, Crandall making the putout at 3rd base.

To add more glory to his pitching, Fanning had a perfect night at bat, getting on base 5 times with 3 hits and 2 walks.

The heavy hitters on the team show Fanning and Coker on top in team batting, with Fanning leading with a .429 average. Tony Gindling, stellar centerfielder, has 2 home runs to his credit, and several extra base hits.

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OFFICERS WIN FIRST ROUND PLAY

Defeating the "Squatters" 8 to 6, the Hospital officers won the first round in the C bracket of Recreation League, winning 4, losing 1.

Chaplain Hope limited the opposition to 9 hits, 4 of these coming in the last inning to temporarily scare the league leaders. However, after settling down, they continued to "snuff out" any serious threats.

Brechler and Lipman were the hitting stars—Lipman hitting a home run with the bases loaded, driving in 4 runs. Brechler collected 4 hits in 5 times at bat.

The officers are playing a consistent brand of soft ball and each game brings out a new discovery, showing the team is well balanced with a potential star in every position.

Play such as they have been showing made it necessary to move them into a faster bracket, which will endeavor to bring out their best efforts.

FINAL SCORES

Naval Hosp., 3; Parks-Airway, 0.
Naval Hosp., 13; Battery B, 0.
Naval Hosp., 16; Army Service School, 1.
Naval Hosp., 1; Signal Hill, 0.

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Officers, 5; Bethlehem Stars, 3.
Officers, 7; Lady Katheryn, 4.
Officers, 8; Squatters, 6.

Tennis Tournament for Enlisted Staff Under Way

June 18 was the opening date for the Waves and Corpsmen tennis tournament. The contest got under way with an abundance of enthusiasm and good play!

The entries fall into the following categories: singles for men and women; doubles for men and women; and mixed doubles. Once the preliminary round is completed—those who have won two out of three sets will move into the semi-finals and finals. The entrants who advance to the upper brackets will be required to play three out of five sets, in order to determine the victors.

HOUSE BILL WOULD PAY $1040 TO VETERANS

Washington, (CNS)—An adjusted compensation measure benefiting World War II veterans, which would cost an estimated $11,000,000,000, has been introduced in the House by Rep. John E. Rankin, chairman of the House Veterans Committee, as an amendment to the GI Bill of Rights.

It calls for payment of $20 a week for a year ($1040) to any member of the armed services who served 90 days or more since Sept. 16, 1940, and was not dishonorably discharged.

NATIONAL WEIGHT LIFTING CHAMPS

Three of the hospital's athletic specialists entered the Amateur Athletic Union's National Weight Lifting Meet held at the Hollywood Legion Stadium on 2 and 3 June. They all came away with medals emblematic of championships in their various classes. Big "Blockbuster" Curtis, Sp(A)1/c lifted a total of 855 pounds with a best overhead lift of 335 pounds to win first place in the heavyweight division. Harold Zinkin, Sp(A)1/c, former movie stunt man, took first honors in the light heavyweight class by totaling 770 pounds with a best overhead lift of 290 pounds. Butch Levy, CSp(A), former Minnesota football giant, tied for second in the heavyweight class with a total of 760 pounds and a best overhead of 285 pounds.

Zinkin was awarded second place in the "Mr. America" contest held in conjunction with the meet. There were 31 entries from all over the country in this particular contest. Zinkin holds the title of "Mr. California" for the duration.

James Lawson, Supervisor of Golf Course Construction, reviews pitch and putt groundwork plans for the station's latest rehabilitation project, with Lt. J. M. Beam, USNR.

REHABILITATION ITEMS

GOLF IN FULL SWING

The high school and college athlete enjoys a comparatively short activity career before he joins those in the bleachers who cheer the younger fellows on—reminisces, and perhaps lies a little, about the good old days. This short period of participation has been the major criticism, and perhaps the most deserved rebuke, directed toward present day collegiate and interscholastic athletics. The trend in recent years has been toward participation in games that have a carry-over value for later life. Golf is one of the games which meet this requirement, for not only the expert, but the rankest beginner can enjoy the challenging situations that crop up in an ordinary round of golf.

The most popular single offering in our recreational therapy program is the teaching and practice of golfing skills. From a modest beginning a few months ago, this ancient and honorable game has drawn the attention of the patients in the hospital so that now all the clubs at the disposal of the Rehabilitation Physical Training Department are in constant demand. This situation has necessitated the establishment of a schedule in order to distribute the use of the clubs equitably throughout the hospital. The new schedule allows use of the clubs on a first-come-first-served basis at 0930 every morning, except Sundays. Any man wishing to play golf at this time must secure an out-of-uniform pass from the Officer of the Day. He is limited to play on the small nine-hole Municipal Golf course. In addition, groups from the E and C wards leave the Physical Training Office in the Walker Building at 1200 on Mondays and Thursdays, and from the W and B wards on Tuesday and Fridays. A Chief Specialist (A) is in charge of these groups and they play the large 18-hole course at the Recreation Park.

Groups from W10, W3, E1 and E2 receive instruction in golfing technique from Mr. George Lake, the "pro" at Recreation Park, twice a week. Mr. Lake has ironed out many a round-house slice and 45-degree hook during instruction periods. The response has been enthusiastic, and tee and cup neophytes have budded into promising golfers. Several of the men taking the lessons have never played golf before, and they will leave the hospital incurably bitten by the golfing bug.

A movement has been afoot to equip all Naval hospitals with pitch and putt golf courses, and the Professional Golfers Association of Southern California has assigned the task of setting up a course at this hospital to George Lake. He is collaborating with Mr. William Bell of Pasadena, well-known golf-course architect. Water pipes are already laid in the new area, and the ground is being prepared prior to the construction of three tees and greens. Six additional holes are to be added when these three

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HUMERUS by RIGOR MORTIS JR.

First German Officer: "What do we do now? Retreat?"

Second German Officer: "Retreat? You must be mad. Germans never retreat. We must advance in the direction from which we came."

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"It's very simple to explain why a woman has never been President of the United States," the sailor said in answer to a question. "The President has to be over 35."

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"Is Jack conceited?"

"Is he conceited? Why, he joined the Navy to let the world see him!"

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Sign in the Mess Hall: "If the steak is too tough for you, get out. This is no place for weaklings."

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PhM1/c: "I thought the doctor told you to stop all drinks, mate."

HA2/c: "Well, you don't see any getting past me do you?"

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Now that peroxide is scarce, blondes are having trouble holding established bleachheads.

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Sentry: "Halt, who's there?"

Voice: "An American."

Sentry: "Advance and recite The Star Spangled Banner."

Voice: "I don't know it."

Sentry: "Proceed, American."

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The waiter was taking the order of a pretty girl who was accompanied by a florid, podgy middle-aged man.

"And what about the lobster?" the waiter inquired.

"Oh, he can order whatever he likes," came the startling reply.

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Pvt.: "Who introduced you to your wife?"

Sgt.: "We just met. I don't blame nobody."

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Druggist (to motorist, who had been carried into his shop after an accident): "Yes, sir, you had a very bad smash, but I managed to bring you to."

Motorist: "I don't remember. Do you mind bringing me two more?"

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"What made you so late getting back with the supplies?"

"Well, I picked up a chaplain along the road and from then on those mules couldn't understand a word I said."

BARUCH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES FELLOWSHIPS IN PHYSICAL MEDICINE

New York, N. Y. (HCQNS)—A limited number of fellowships in physical medicine, carrying an annual stipend of $2500 for single and $3,000 for married men, was announced recently by the Baruch Committee on Physical Medicine, 597 Madison Ave., New York 22, N. Y. Applicants must have an MD degree from an approved medical school and a minimum of one year internship in an approved hospital.

ROUGHLY SPEAKING . . . . . by A. G. Santomauro

"HI SAILOR"

NURSES' LOG

GETTING ACQUAINTED—Isn't it fun? Many of us have had the privilege of meeting our newcomers. Several of them are salts and can tell some tales in a Navy way. Welcome back to U.S.A. and we are most happy you landed at Long Beach. We're always glad to welcome new faces.

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SPRING'S HERE. Play ball! And that's what the girls are doing! A softball team has been organized and practice has been using up the off duty hours for team members. Come out—let's give them a cheer! The suits are very attractive—and the players' enthusiasm is contagious.

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LEAVES—Aren't they wonderful! Not nearly long enough, but then it's good to get back into the groove again. We are wishing you lucky people lots of fun and complete relaxation while visiting your home and other favorite spots.

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A thank-you for the lovely dinner and dance at the Lakewood Country Club. Those who attended came home telling of an enviable good time.

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The MASQUER'S CLUB again has shared their good times with nurses and other personnel from Long Beach Naval Hospital. This time Merwin Haskel was host. Autographs were sought from the many celebrities present.

This ends my chatter for this month, but I'm open for suggestions on spreading more scuttlebutt next month. Until then—Tallyho—Marion.

CONVERSATION PIECE

Okinawa (HCQNS)—The United Press last week reported that Robert H. Rhodes, Jr., HA1/c, played games with an English-speaking Jap sniper while he rescued five Marines.

Holed up in a cave near Sugar Loaf Hill with remnants of his Marine Battalion, Rhodes went out after his first casualty and a sniper's bullets whizzed by his head when he dragged the wounded man inside. He went out after the second one and on his way back to the cave he was startled to hear the sniper's voice.

"Hey, Doc, come on out!"

"Okay, sucker, I'm coming," answered Rhodes.

The sniper shot repeatedly but Rhodes got his third man back into the cave.

"I dare you to come out of there once more," the sniper called.

"Get ready," Rhodes yelled back. "Here I come!"

A few minutes later the fourth casualty was safe in the cave.

"If you come out again, Ed, I'll hit you right between the eyes," the frustrated sniper bellowed.

"You couldn't hit me if I ran down the barrel of your rifle," Rhodes sang back, and he pulled the fifth man in despite the warning of the other marines in the cave. The marines then insisted on halting the battlefield conversation with a burst of their tommy guns. Rhodes brought in the sixth casualty without further talk.

Rehabilitation Items

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holes are completed. The new course will be under the supervision of Jimmy Lawson, old time pro, who was assigned specifically to the Long Beach Naval Hospital course by the Southern California P.G.A. The new course will have all the facilities of a regular big-time golf course, complete with pro, starter, and the necessary clubs.

Many favorable comments on the program have been made by doctors and patients alike, and the value of the game as an agency in recreational therapy is recognized in most of the wards.

Sincere appreciation is extended to Mr. George Lake and Mr. Bell for their time and interest in the development of this enthusiasm. The Long Beach City Council also rates a large orchid for permitting the patients to play on the Recreation Park Golf Course free of charge.

Ace Cameramen Take Occupational Therapy

Two newsreel cameramen who covered the entire Philippine campaign are Lewis C. Cook, PhoM1/c and Robert B .Montague, PhoM3/c, patients in this hospital.

A prescribed treatment for their rehabilitation while hospitalized in Occupational Therapy. And in this department the two photographer's mates continue in their own field of work—in a congenial atmosphere and with conditions conducive to a restoration to mental and physical health.

These men occupy their time and utilize their resources while engrossed in building cameras—a 4x5 model and an 8x10 size of original design. Their hours in the O.T. work shop have been satisfying and productive.

During the North Pacific filming assignment, Cook and Montague were attached to the Combat Photo Unit, and recorded action shots on Formosa, the China Coast, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and the Nansie Shoto Islands.

Prior to this activity, the men had singular duties of interest. Cook made movies for the Seabees and later a series of pictures for the Bureau of Yards and Docks. He visited the European theater of operation while on an assignment for the British Admiralty.

The D.F.C. was awarded to Cook for the courageous flight connected with aerial photography on the Jap Fleet during the Second Battle of the Philippines. He received shrapnel wounds of the wrists when a suicide plane attacked.

While Montague was in advanced Camera School in Washington, D. C., he was one of six selected to film the picture, "The Fighting Lady." He was commended on his piece of work on this Navy project.

Montague was shot down over Hainan last December, by Jap anti-aircraft. He received the Air Medal for his ventures in covering the Philippine action. Manila, P. I., is Montague's birthplace.

These men will soon return to duty for additional photography assignments. Without a well planned rehabilitation program for patients these men might have found interest in their work waning. Here they've received stimulation with ideal environment—the result, recovery.